



Appl. No. 10/817,328
Amdt. dated June 26, 2006
Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of July
11, 2006

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

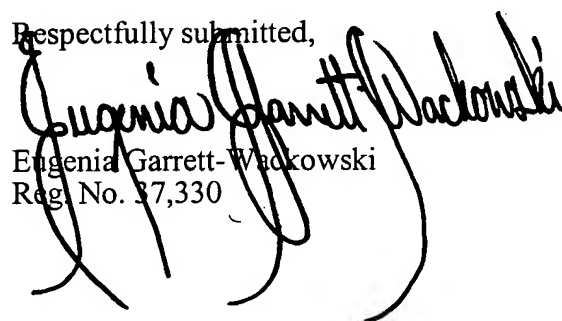
In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the text of withdrawn claims 2-5 has been included. Therefore, the changes made in this reply are simply matters of form. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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